

SARA II QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

January 1 – March 31, 2001

This report covers the second quarter of FY 2001, namely, the period January 1 – March 31, 2001. It follows the SARA FY 01 work plan for the period October 1, 2000 – September 30, 2001.

SARA II is a service project. As such, it is responsive to the Africa region's needs, and USAID and REDSO requests channeled through AFR/SD/HRD, so additional activities may gain priority from time to time as discussed in the Work Plan.

Activities as found in the work plan are listed in bold.

SO 18: Adopt policies and strategies for increased sustainability, efficiency and equity of basic education services

1. Assist the AFR/SD SO 18 team

- **Participate in SO 18 core team meetings;**
- **Assist in the implementation of the analytic agenda;**
- **Assist team in R4 and R4 wrap-up;**
- **Assist team with dissemination and advocacy strategies.**

Expected Outputs:

- Weekly team meetings attended
- 2 analytic agenda items vetted and implementation begun
- Countries R4 reviews reviewed
- R4 wrap-up developed, formatted

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

As part of the implementation of the analytic agenda, a multinational study on the new role of NGOs in basic education was undertaken in Mali, Guinea, Ethiopia and Malawi. This component of the analytic agenda was approved by the concerned USAID missions as a condition to the implementation of the study. Dr. Dr. Yolande Miller-Grandvaux, SARA Basic Education Advisor, developed the R4 review for Mali and participated in the review of other countries' R4s. She also assisted in the preparation of SD/ED portfolio review planned for April and participated in the review and reformulation of SD/ED new strategic framework. She developed two briefs on new partnerships and countries in crisis and reviewed all briefs for the new SD/ED strategic framework. Finally, she attended all SO 18 meetings.

2. Support ERNWACA in the areas of;

- **Research**
 - **Finalize translations of transnational research and produce synthesis of findings**
 - **Publish transnational research: Ghana, Cote-d'Ivoire, Mali, Togo, Cameroon, Benin, The Gambia**
 - **Support participation of 2 ERNWACA researchers at the HIV/AIDS and education conference in Ghana**
- **Advocacy and dissemination:**
 - **Disseminate transnational reports;**
 - **Present and disseminate transnational research findings;**
- **Leadership**
 - **Recruit and support regional ERNWACA Coordinator**
 - **Develop fundraising capacity for leadership, advocacy and research**
 - **Assist in establishing board of directors**
 - **Assist in establishing scientific committee.**

Expected Outputs:

- Syntheses and reports edited and translated
- Research studies produced and disseminated
- Findings presented at HIV/AIDS and education conference and made available to policy-makers and researchers
- Information disseminated to ed. networks and universities
- Coordinator recruited
- Funds raised by chapters
- Additional donors mobilized
- Scientific committee in place
- Bd. Of Directors in place

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Transnational studies have been produced as well as a synthesis of the reports and the acknowledgments section. The studies are now at the laying-out stage for desktop publishing. In addition, three ERNWACA coordinators from Togo, Ghana and Senegal participated in the "Senior expert conference on HIV/AIDS and Education" in Elmina, Ghana, March 19-24, 2001. The coordinators collected data in their respective countries and drafted a regional paper on HIV/AIDS and education for the conference. It was presented by J.Baku of Ghana. The conference gave ERNWACA some visibility and an appreciated boost to the national chapters represented there.

As far as leadership is concerned, great progress was made during this quarter: over a hundred candidates responded to the vacancy announcement, and four candidates were short-listed by SARA and IDRC. The interviews will be conducted with 3 national coordinators, IDRC and SARA and will take place in Bamako in April 2001. A draft plan for the institutional development of ERNWACA was developed by SARA and will be used as a preliminary document for a plan of action for the regional coordination.

3. Support ADEA working group

- **Participate in ADEA teacher working group meetings**

Expected Outputs:

- Report on proceedings

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Because of a scheduling conflict, Dr. Yolande Miller-Grandvaux did not participate in the teacher working group meeting. She is currently awaiting the dissemination of the meeting proceedings.

- 4. Promote knowledge and guidance of priority issues in research and analysis and professional settings:**
- **Participate in CIES, NGO conferences, etc.**
 - **Support presentation of papers by African researchers, esp. findings of transnational studies at CIES and other venues**

Expected Outputs:

- Contacts established

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Yolande Miller-Grandvaux organized and moderated a panel on “Community schools in Mali” at the CIES conference on March 17, 2001. The panel included 4 presentations by the World Bank, USAID/Mali, World Education/Mali and RTI. She also organized a brown bag lunch on the Mali education program on March 14, 2001.

- 5. Provide knowledge and guidance on role and responsibilities of NGOs in education as part of the SD/Ed Analytic Agenda**
- **Conduct research in selected countries on the new NGO role in basic education**
 - **Disseminate to missions, policy-makers, NGOs**
 - **Prepare for consultative meeting and participation in other discussion for a.**

Expected Outputs:

- Research/issue identification papers and customized packages produced
- Findings disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Four countries responded positively to the research project: Mali, Guinea, Ethiopia and Malawi. A national advisory board was set up in January 2001, which met and discussed orientations of the study, as well as the use and dissemination of findings. Data was collected in Ethiopia in March, and a preliminary data collection and instrument testing was conducted in Guinea in January. Data will be collected in Mali in April in collaboration with ERNWACA/Mali. Contacts are established with UNESCO/Paris and the national consultation of NGOs. A contract was signed with Research Triangle Institute (RTI) to conduct the studies in Mali and Guinea. Co-funding was found with the American Institute for Research for Ethiopia and Malawi.

- 6. Strengthen networks' organizational capacity in advocacy, fund raising and proposal development**
- Conduct research in selected countries on the new NGO role in basic education through small grants
 - Disseminate to missions, policy-makers, NGOs
 - Prepare for consultative meeting

Expected Outputs:

- FAWE, ERNESA and ERNWACA trained
- 2 or 3 countries model advocacy and fund raising activities
- 2 or 3 countries apply for grants

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Activities are pending as the recruitment of the new regional coordinator is underway.

Meanwhile, Dr. Yolande Miller-Grandvaux met with FAWE/Ghana while in Accra in March 2001. The Ghana chapter presented its HIV/AIDS strategy and education activities.

- 7. Provide knowledge and guidance on mitigation of teacher management issues (absenteeism, attrition, etc.) due to HIV/AIDS, as part of the analytic agenda**

Expected Outputs:

- Synthesis of information, data and practices
- Dissemination plan produced
- Findings disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

This study was put on hold as another priority was identified by the SD/ED HIV/AIDS team. A study of lifeskills and HIV/AIDS education modules in use in Africa is replacing the original activity. A scope of work was drafted in February-March 2001 and implementation should start next quarter.

- 8. Gather resources and knowledge on youth and work force development**
- Contact and visit work force development agencies
 - Collect information

Expected Outputs:

- Meetings convened
- Briefs/memos on work force development findings related to basic education and SD objectives as appropriate.

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Activity suspended pending prioritizing of SD/ED activities.

9. Assist AFR/SD in providing backstopping to Mali USAID mission:

- **Follow-up education policy agenda**
- **Provide TA when needed**
- **Monitor activities and assist in developing strategies on a regular basis.**

Expected Outputs:

- Education policy strategy updated and monitored
- TA provided.

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Yolande Miller-Grandvaux regularly backstops the Mali mission. This backstopping resulted in a visit by the Education team leader in March and a presentation of the education program at the CIES conference. The Mali R4 was reviewed, the Country Strategic Program parameter setting meeting was also attended and recommendations on the education plan were presented. All documents collected at the UNESCO/Ghana conference on HIV/AIDS were distributed to the Mali mission as well. Contacts were established with the new entry professional who will become team leader in Mali. A visit to Mali is planned in April and July.

10. Assist AFR/SD in providing backstopping to Benin USAID mission:

- **Assist in development of education portfolio**
- **Provide TA when needed**
- **Monitor activities on a regular basis.**

Expected Outputs:

- Education portfolio updated and monitored

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The Benin R4 for education was reviewed. The Scope of work that Dr. Yolande Miller-Grandvaux had developed while in Benin in November 2000 was implemented and the study is underway.

11. Explore development of relationships with other African networks for the promotion of SD priority issues

Expected Outputs:

- Visits to, contacts with ERNESA, FAWE, BOLESWA, OSSREA, completed or established

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The priority has been on ERNWACA, which has been the most responsive network. ERNWACA is now getting involved in HIV/AIDS research as a result of their participation at the Ghana conference on HIV/AIDS and education in March.

12. Disseminate knowledge and guidance on policies and practices

- **Develop and present papers at international education conferences: CIES**
- **Attend professional conferences and workshops**

Expected Outputs:

- Papers accepted and presented
- Information packets shared

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

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SO 19: Adoption of policies and strategies for increased sustainability, quality, efficiency and equity of health services

Technical Area: **Household and Community Approaches to Child Health**

1. Dissemination and use of JHU description of qualitative research manuals (French version)

Expected Outputs:

- Manual used by research institutions/projects/individuals in Francophone Africa

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Translation is nearly finalized. SARA expects the document to be completed by the end of the fiscal year.

2. Assistance to CERPOD and LSHTM for development of qualitative research capacity building in W. Africa and sustainability

Expected Outputs:

- Technical assistance provided

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Suzanne Prysor-Jones, SARA Project Director, held discussions with Sarah Castle at the LSHTM. The feeling is that we should encourage CERPOD to plan a training for late 2001 on the basis of the support available through LSHTM and under the SARA subcontract being developed. Dr. Prysor-Jones suggested that the theme of the first training should be adolescents and HIV, in the hope that a wide range of projects and agencies will be interested in sponsoring participants.

3. Facilitate the design and implementation of consultant training for household/community IMCI

Expected Outputs:

- TA for module development / revision
- Support for facilitation and / or participation in orientation meeting

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Suzanne Prysor-Jones and Dr. Youssef Tawfik, SARA Senior Child Survival Advisor, have continued to contribute through e-mail contact with WHO/AFRO and its partners to the development of a consultant training package with the objective of building the capacity of regional consultants to advocate for, develop and evaluate community child health programs. This is a collaborative effort with WHO/AFRO, WHO/Geneva and BASICS. The package is expected to be completed during the next quarter and the first training of consultants will follow.

4. Promote coordination between IMCI and Malaria (see malaria work plan)

Expected Outputs:

- Participation in key meetings
- Linkages established

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Youssef Tawfik participated in debriefing a USAID Roll Back Malaria team conducting a review in Senegal. The debriefing addressed the potential collaboration between IMCI and malaria programs. This included discussions with USAID Roll Back Malaria staff on potential interventions to improve private practitioners' treatment for malaria, ARI and diarrhea.

Dr. Tawfik also contributed to reviewing the technical content of the Malaria in Pregnancy Press Kit.

5. Follow up with CHANGE on behavior change for household and community programs

Expected Outputs:

- SARA input into CHANGE research and dissemination

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter.

6. Facilitate improvements in IEC/community approach training in West Africa

Expected Outputs:

- African institutions curriculum (IRSP, Public Health Schools, etc.) improved

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter.

7. Promote appropriate costing of household and community programs

Expected Outputs:

- Existing tools tested and used in Africa

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter.

8. Identify and promote effective strategies to improve access of community to essential drugs.

Expected Outputs:

- Strategy developed with RPM, BASICS and WHO/AFRO

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Drs. Prysor-Jones and Youssef Tawfik met with RPM staff and AFR/SD to discuss the purpose and use of a tool to promote the assessment and improvement of the availability of drugs for child health at community level. RPM+ has included the development of this tool in their work plan, and Dr. Tawfik will be playing a key role in its development, representing both AED/RPM and AED/SARA.

9. Conduct literature review and analysis on health care seeking for sick children in Africa.

Expected Outputs:

- Paper on health care seeking behavior for childhood diarrhea, ARI & malaria developed

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Drs. Youssef Tawfik and Suzanne Prysor-Jones participated in meetings at BASICS to discuss plans for studying care-seeking behavior in Senegal. Dr. Tawfik also corresponded with Dr. Jesca Sabiiti in Uganda about the possibility of visiting there to identify information gaps and support strategic development to improve the use of private practitioners for child health in the context of current data on care seeking behavior.

10. Participate in IAWG on household and community IMCI

Expected Outputs:

- AFR/SD priorities promoted
- AFR/SD feedback provided on issues

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Suzanne Prysor-Jones participated in an IAWG held in New York City in February. SARA has followed up on two important recommendations from it: 1) the development of a PowerPoint presentation to advocate for adopting community child health programs; and 2) the development of terms of reference for a joint DFID-USAID review for child health programs in Africa.

11. Support advocacy strategies on community programs, e.g., Community Child Health Secretariat Development.

Expected Outputs:

- Technical assistance as required.

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Suzanne Prysor-Jones participated in the first meeting of USAID partners to discuss a coordinated approach to supporting community IMCI. While in Burkina Faso, Dr. Prysor-Jones worked with Dr. Zina of Save the Children/Netherlands to develop a proposal for analyzing and strengthening NGO networks in Francophone Africa. This proposal has been shared with BASICS and CORE. The ideas have also been discussed with other members of the IAWG.

12. Participate in WHO/AFRO, UNICEF, and/or BASICS meetings in Africa on household and community IMCI

Expected Outputs:

- Trip reports submitted
- AFR/SD priorities promoted
- AFR/SD feedback provided on issues

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter.

13. Assist AFR/SD with issues identification, portfolio management, and evaluation

Expected Outputs:

- Core Group meetings organized
- M & E system functioning
- Technical Areas updated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA staff participated in AFR/SD portfolio reviews and R4 preparation. SARA staff also started collaboration with the PHNI Project, with particular emphasis on measuring child survival indicators.

SO 19: Adoption of policies and strategies for increased sustainability, quality, efficiency and equity of health services

Technical Area: Provider Performance

1. Facilitate the dissemination and use of QI tools and methods for child health in Africa:

- COPE for child health and other
- QA for IMCI

Expected Outputs:

- Evaluation results reviewed and strategies for scaling up developed in coordination with AFRO UNICEF, BASICS, REDSO
- Strategies developed in coordination with URC, BASICS, AFRO, REDSO

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

During a visit to Dakar, Dr. Suzanne Prysor-Jones strategized with Colette Geslin and Mamadou Sene on the BASICS WARO plans to include QI methods in the IMCI follow-up visit after training. This approach has the blessing of WHO/AFRO and seems to be a practical way to promote a COPE/QA type of approach through integrating it into an on-going set of activities.

Dr. Youssef Tawfik participated in URC's Quality Assurance Project quarterly review meeting. He identified a number of potential tools of particular importance to IMCI implementation in Africa, such as IMCI CD-Rom training and intervention to improve drug sellers' treatment of malaria in Kenya.

2. Document and disseminate synergy between QA & IMCI.

Expected Outputs:

- Revision of existing paper summarizing synergy developed in a selected country (Niger) with URC & BASICS.

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

This activity is completed. At present, we are awaiting news on final publication.

3. Participate in WHO meetings on IMCI components 1 and 2

Expected Outputs:

- Trip reports submitted
- AFR/SD priorities promoted
- AFR/SD feedback provided on AFRO issues

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter.

4. Facilitate the development of a strategy to scale up IMCI, e.g., through the private sector

Expected Outputs:

- Strategies developed in coordination with BASICS, AFRO, CORE to track bilateral activities, test alternative training methodologies and promote resource mobilization
- Experience on IMCI expansion in Latin America and Africa summarized and synthesized in collaboration with BASICS.

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA has developed terms of reference to hire a consultant (Ken Heise) to assist in documenting Uganda's experience in scaling up IMCI. In addition, discussions are underway with CHANGE, LINKAGES and BASICS to prepare for documenting Madagascar's experience in scaling up its community child health programs.

5. Maximize the potential of private practitioners in child survival:

- a. Conduct analysis of strategies to improve private practitioners practices in child survival**
- b. Review & document current programs attempting to improve private practitioners practices in child survival**

Expected Outputs:

- Paper developed summarizing effective strategies to improve private practitioners practices in child survival
- Current programs to improve PP practices for management of child sickness reviewed, documented & disseminated in selected countries (e.g., Ghana, Uganda, Nigeria)

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA also continued the development of the paper on "Utilizing the Potential of Formal and Informal Private Practitioners in Child Survival". Comments were received from external reviewers from USAID, WHO and BASICS. The paper will be completed during the next quarter. It will promote and provide guidance for including private practitioners in child survival programs.

SARA also started a collaborative effort with the World Bank on involving the private sector in child survival. SARA will hire a consultant (Hugh Waters) to develop an introduction paper describing the potential role of private sector in national child health programs.

6. Facilitate the focusing of BASICS W. Africa attention on AFR/SD priorities, including:

- pre-service training
- improved in-service training
- supply systems
- problem-solving / supervision

Expected Outputs:

- Participation in BASICS meetings
- Strategies developed and feedback to AFR/SD on issues received

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Suzanne Pryor-Jones visited BASICS WARO this quarter and worked on several AFR/SD priority issues with WARO staff: integrating QI methods into child health, promoting the use of nutrition approaches and tools, collecting information on care seeking behavior to improve child health strategies.

7. Support advocacy for neonatal health in Africa

Expected outputs:

- Development of advocacy model to reduce neonatal mortality
- Application of testing
- Application of neonatal advocacy model in conjunction with child health implementation partners

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Elisabeth Sommerfelt, SARA consultant, is taking the lead in expanding the REDUCE model to cover neonatal health and survival. Given the demand from SAVE, BASICS and other child health implementing agencies, the new models developed will be packaged to form a stand-alone advocacy tool for neonatal health. In addition to AFR/SD support for the development of REDUCE/maternal and REDUCE/neonatal, AED is adding some financial support, and SAVE is planning to commission a global REDUCE/neonatal presentation to be used at meetings planned for the Global Health Council week in June.

8. Assist AFR/SD with issues identification, portfolio management, and evaluation, including a review of USAID strategies and investments for child survival

Expected Outputs:

- Core group meetings organized
- M & E system functioning
- Technical areas updated
- Review document produced

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA staff participated in AFR/SD portfolio reviews and R4 preparation.

SO 19 : **Adoption of policies and strategies for increased sustainability, quality, efficiency and equity of health services.**

Technical Area: **Malaria RP**

1. M&E of the Joint WHO/AFRO and USAID support for malaria control programs in Africa

Expected Outputs:

- TA provided by SARA staff and consultant

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Sambe Duale, SARA Senior Research Manager, attended a briefing meeting to discuss the outcomes of Hannah Searing's TDY at WHO/AFRO in Harare to assist with setting up a mechanism for reporting on DDC activities

2. Production and dissemination of AFR/SD strategic framework for research, analysis and dissemination on malaria

Expected Outputs:

- Strategic framework produced and disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Duale Sambe and Renuka Bery, SARA Dissemination and Advocacy Manager, worked on a final draft of a revised Strategic Framework based on the materials from earlier drafts by Dr. Marc Debay, SARA Consultant, and comments from selected malaria experts. The has been submitted to Dr. Mary Ettling of AFR/SD for a final review before SARA can produce and disseminate the document.

3. Support for initiatives on the prevention of malaria in pregnancy in Africa

Expected Outputs:

- Working group meetings held
- Advocacy briefs developed

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

More than 5000 copies of the Malaria and Pregnancy brochure have been distributed so far. The brochure is now available in French, and will be available in Portuguese in the near future.

SARA developed a press kit on Malaria and Pregnancy that was translated into French. These will be produced and disseminated in the next quarter.

4. Joint planning and coordination of activities on priority areas such as IMCI, Malaria, IDS with other USAID projects and partners (e.g., BASICS, NetMark, CORE, UNICEF, CDC, WHO/AFRO, etc.)

Expected Outputs:

- SARA staff & consultant involved in meetings, including IMCI/Malaria Task forces, and electronic exchanges with partners

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Several items in SO 19, Household and Community Approaches to Child Health, address such activities, among which are item nos. 4, 8-11 on pages 10 and 11 above.

5. Support for the RBM Global partners' meeting jointly sponsored by USAID and World Bank

Expected Outputs:

- Technical and logistic support provided

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA staff, in consultation with AFR/SD and the World Bank, has identified, contacted and initiated travel arrangements for 8 African participants to attend the RBM Global Partners' Meeting to be held April 18-19, 2001, here in Washington, DC.

6. Consultative meeting on building capacity for vector control interventions for disease, especially malaria prevention in Africa

Expected Outputs:

- Working group meeting organized
- Action plan developed and implemented, including plan for research mobilization

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA is waiting for the report and recommendations of the WHO/AFRO meeting held in February on strengthening vector control interventions in Africa before moving further on this activity.

SO 19 : **Adoption of policies and strategies for increased sustainability, quality, efficiency and equity of health services.**

Technical Area: **Infectious Diseases**

1. Technical support for the management of the AFR/SD technical area for infectious diseases

Expected Outputs:

- Core team meetings held
- Portfolio reviews organized
- Peer reviews organized and expert advice provided

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Duale Sambe, Dr. Youssef Tawfik, Renuka Bery &/or Antonia Wolff, SARA Dissemination Specialist, have attended AFR/SD ID Core Team meetings. SARA staff has also assisted AFR/SD colleagues in preparing the infectious disease portfolio review.

2. M&E of the joint WHO/AFRO and USAID support for integrated disease surveillance systems in Africa

Expected Outputs:

- Technical assistance from SARA staff and consultant, including participation in USAID meetings with CDC and WHO on IDS

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Duale Sambe participated in conference calls and electronic exchanges to discuss a request from WHO/AFRO to AFR/SD for SARA support to document African country experiences with the process of implementing the Integrated Disease Surveillance strategy. Dr. Duale assisted AFR/SD in preparing its response to WHO/AFRO.

3. Pilot study of women access to TB control services in Africa

Expected Outputs:

- Study protocol and tools developed
- Expert review meeting organized
- Pilot study conducted in Tanzania
- Dissemination workshop organized

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA contracted the services of CEDHA to host an Expert Working Group meeting, January 31 to February 3, 2001, in Arusha, Tanzania, to discuss the protocol and tools for a pilot study of factors affecting women's access to TB diagnosis and treatment services. Experts from Kenya, Tanzania, Zambia and the USA attended the meeting. A Tanzania research team is in the process of finalizing the protocol and tools based on the recommendations of the Expert Working Group.

4. Production and dissemination of TB advocacy briefs and other documents requested by AFR/SD

Expected Outputs:

- Review materials developed, produced & disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA has assisted in disseminating a TB Advocacy Brief prepared by Dr. Cornelia Davis of AFR/SD and produced by ABIC.

5. Organize information sharing, including study tours, on the implementation of Community TB Care and Integrated Disease Surveillance (IDS) in African settings

Expected Outputs:

- Site visits, meetings and other information sharing activities planned and organized

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter.

SO 19: Adoption of policies and strategies for increased sustainability, quality, efficiency and equity of health services

Technical Area: Nutrition

1. Assist AFR/SD SO 19 team in managing the Nutrition technical area

Expected Outputs:

- Core team meetings held
- SO 19 portfolio reviews conducted
- Performance monitoring plan drafted
- Peer reviews organized
- Expert advice provided

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA assisted AFR/SD with the organization of an expanded nutrition core group and CA meeting in January 2001. The meeting provided an opportunity for the Nutrition Cooperating Agencies (BASICS, LINKAGES, MOST, MACRO, SARA, & SANA, as well as the Global Bureau, BHR, and outside representatives from the World Bank) to share information and lessons from activities in Africa.

Following this meeting SARA and LINKAGES prepared a memorandum for AFR/SD on priority issues related to breastfeeding/infant feeding programs in the context of MTCT of HIV. SARA also provided expert advice to AFR/SD during the March consultation with UNICEF on areas for future collaboration on HIV (MTCT and orphans and vulnerable children programs).

SARA provided assistance to AFR/SD on the design and implementation of the evaluation of the SANA Project.

SARA assisted AFR/SD with the development of the Nutrition R4. This will be presented next quarter. The only difficulties encountered with this process were limited information provided by some projects about their activities, no information on funding levels were provided by AFR or the projects, and finding the time to schedule the R4 presentation.

2. Provide technical support to AFR Core Groups, G-PHN, and CA partners (e.g., MACRO, BASICS, LINKAGES, MOST) on nutrition issues in Africa

Expected Outputs:

- Meetings attended
- Expert advice/input provided

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA has been supporting the LINKAGES and SANA projects on the evaluation of the impact of PROFILES in Africa. The evaluation is being conducted in 11 countries in East, West and Southern Africa. Interviews were conducted during this quarter. The final report will be available next quarter. The problem encountered is the difficulty reaching some key informants in the field. Also, the lead person on the evaluation, Dr. Victor Aguayo, will be leaving LINKAGES for a job with HKI in West Africa. SARA nutritionist Dorcas Lwanga and SANA regional advisors Debbie Gachuhi and Kinday Sambe Ndure will be required to play a greater role in this activity on account of the changes in personnel.

SARA nutrition advisor Ellen Piwoz gave three presentations on HIV and nutrition this quarter – at the World Bank (Jan), at USAID (Feb) and at the NIH-supported workshop on HIV care and support in Africa (March, Gaborone).

SARA consultant Beth Preble assisted G-PHN and the Synergy Project with the preparation of the Report to Congress on MTCT. This paper drew heavily on the MTCT strategy prepared last year by SARA.

3. Provide technical support to African partner institutions for strategy development and planning related to nutrition policy/programming

Expected Outputs:

- Meetings attended
- Expert advice/input provided

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dorcas Lwanga traveled to Arusha, Tanzania, to provide technical support to the Commonwealth Regional Health Community Secretariat to develop a work plan for implementing activities under the SARA sub-contract. During this visit, she also participated in the CRHCS HIV/AIDS strategic planning workshop. CRHCS will need to insure that it incorporates all SARA-supported work into its nutrition work plan. Staff there are over-extended and this additional work will need to be completed in a timely matter.

Dr. Ellen Piwoz met with Andre Ouedraogo, WHO/AFRO nutrition advisor, to discuss areas for future collaboration. These included providing technical assistance on infant feeding and HIV issues in Africa; support for a workshop on MTCT in West Africa; and PROFILES-related work in Central Southern Africa. Although several ideas were discussed, the exact mechanism for collaboration is not clear. This must be clarified with WHO/AFRO.

SARA and SANA provided technical assistance to WAHO for planning activities related to the 2001 nutrition focal point meeting.

4. Strengthen African partners' capacity for:

- nutrition policy analysis and advocacy
- information dissemination and sharing of better practices and lessons learned in nutrition

Expected Outputs:

- Technical support provided
- Regional training organized
- Country advocacy strategies implemented
- Support provided for documentation of better practices

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

CRHCS nutrition coordinator Boitshepo Giyose was briefed on the PROFILES evaluation protocol and instruments this quarter. Unfortunately, she was unable to carry out the interviews that had been assigned to her due to other work commitments. These interviews were therefore carried out by SANA regional advisor Debbie Gachuhi.

5. Review advocacy experience and future directions in Africa. Develop materials to facilitate and support nutrition advocacy activities (including West Africa Nutrition Briefs)

Expected Outputs:

- English nutrition briefs updated and French/West Africa version developed
- Lessons learned paper written to tell story of PROFILES/Advocacy in Africa
 - Special bulletin or packet produced
 - Small document prepared.

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA participated in several meetings to plan and implement the evaluation of PROFILES in Africa. This is a joint activity with LINKAGES and SANA. Data collection was carried out this quarter through mid-April. Analysis will occur in May and report writing in May and June.

Dorcas Lwanga began work updating the Nutrition Briefs on HIV issues. She met with CRHCS to discuss the revised Brief. A suggestion was made to create two HIV briefs – one on MTCT and the other on nutrition care and support. An additional Brief on Overnutrition/Obesity was also requested. These proposals are being discussed. Final HIV Briefs will be ready next quarter.

Ms. Lwanga will meet with WAHO focal points next quarter to discuss the West Africa version of the Briefs.

6. Actively disseminate and ensure the use of existing nutrition tools, training packages, and related materials in pre-service and in-service training opportunities and NGO networks in Africa

Expected Outputs:

- Materials disseminated at relevant meetings, workshops and conferences
- Meetings organized / attended to discuss the content / use of available tools

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Ellen Piwoz and Dorcas Lwanga met with SANA advisor Kinday Sambe Ndure and BASICS regional advisor Serigne Diene to plan activities to ensure the use of existing nutrition tools in West Africa (Ndure and Diene) in pre-service and in-service training and with NGO networks in West Africa. Ndure and Diene will prepare a concept paper next quarter to advance these activities.

7. Technical assistance on mother-to-child transmission, infant feeding options and nutrition provided to African partners and HIV/AIDS programs

- West Africa workshop on MTCT and HIV and infant feeding

Expected Outputs:

- Technical support, expert advice provided
- Papers produced/published on findings
- Regional training workshop with technical update and dissemination of tools

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA provided technical assistance to ZVITAMBO for analysis of data on the impact of counseling and education on knowledge of HIV transmission, MTCT and infant feeding. A paper describing the impact of the intervention was prepared in collaboration with ZVITAMBO and submitted to APHA for dissemination. Technical assistance was also provided on the analysis of qualitative data on infant feeding from in-depth interviews with HIV+ mothers. Two abstracts will be submitted to the Global Strategies for the Prevention of HIV Transmission for Mothers to Babies Conference next quarter.

Dr. Ellen Piwoz also provided technical support to the Zambia Exclusive Breastfeeding Study (ZEBS) for the formulation of a training curricula on exclusive breastfeeding and early weaning by HIV+ mothers. Dr. Piwoz participated in the training of the Nurses involved in the study. LINKAGES/Zambia also assisted with the training, which was based on the Ndola Demonstration Project's training.

Dr. Piwoz participated this quarter in the NIH-funded research meeting on HIV care and support in Africa. The meeting was held in Gaborone and included participants from all over Africa, the US and Europe. She made a presentation on research priorities for HIV and nutrition, and participated in working group discussions to formulate recommendations for future research and African capacity development.

8. Field-test, finalize tools for:

- **Monitoring and evaluating infant feeding practices in the context of MTCT research and programs**
- **Designing programs on nutrition and HIV/AIDS**

Expected Outputs:

- Feedback from field test sites obtained
- Guidelines produced (in collaboration with FANTA)

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The tool for monitoring and evaluating infant feeding practices was field tested in 8 sites in 7 countries. A working group meeting was held in Gaborone in March to discuss the results of the field test and to make recommendations for streamlining the questions and definitions. Dr. Ellen Piwoz participated in these discussions. The final revisions to the tool will be made by WHO/Geneva. A revised draft will be disseminated in early May for final comments/changes. No problems have been encountered, although some of the WHO and UNICEF technical advisors who were involved in this activity are no longer working for these institutions.

9. Develop tool and summary paper(s) on MTCT formative research methodology and findings

- **Conduct advocacy related to this approach to MTCT strategy selection and program design**

Expected Outputs:

- Lessons learned extracted
- Existing research instruments and experiences reviewed
- Tool and advocacy papers drafted, reviewed, finalized, disseminated
- Presentations on methodology/impact given

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activities this quarter on the formative research tool.

A paper on the findings of the South Africa formative research was submitted by UWC to the South African Medical Journal.

The MTCT strategy for USAID was repackaged for general audience/readers, for the USAID Report to Congress, and for presentation at the SWAA meeting (April 2001). See SO9 for more information.

10. Finalize, translate and disseminate issues papers on:

- **HIV and nutrition**
- **HIV and early weaning**
- **MTCT strategy**
- **Report to Congress on MTCT**

Expected Outputs:

- Issues papers finalized, translated and disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The issues paper on HIV and nutrition was completed last quarter. Nearly 4000 copies of the paper have already been disseminated. The paper is being translated into French. This translation will be completed next quarter.

The issues paper on HIV and early weaning is currently being revised. One reviewer from USAID has serious concerns about the recommendations contained in the paper. It is hoped that a final version of the paper will be ready next quarter.

11. Improve MTCT & nutrition training in Africa

- **Review Curricula on Pre-Service Settings**
- **Review, finalize, disseminate training modules on MTCT for African institutions**

Expected Outputs:

- Chairpersons' workshop
- MTCT training guide

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter.

12. Continuous issues identification, information dissemination, and advocacy on issues of importance for nutrition in Africa (e.g., HIV/AIDS and nutrition; MTCT, women's nutrition, anemia and infectious diseases/malaria).

Expected Outputs:

- Papers or tools disseminated
- Posters or oral presentations developed
- Consultative meetings organized
- Workshops/conferences with dissemination component attended

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Ellen Piwoz and Ms. Dorcas Lwanga participated in a workshop on HIV and nutrition/food security organized by the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI). Dr. Piwoz also reviewed the paper developed as a result of the meeting for technical content/accuracy.

The HIV and Nutrition paper and related PowerPoint presentations were disseminated at IFPRI, the World Bank, USAID, UNICEF and the NIH this quarter.

3 presentations on HIV and nutrition were given this quarter (2 in the USA and 1 in Africa).

1 Conference with a dissemination component was held (Botswana/NIH/HIV Care and Support).

13. Document impact of AFR/SD nutrition investments (e.g., capacity development through SARA/SANA; regional collaboration, etc.)

Expected Outputs:

- Case studies and impact reviews completed
- Better practices disseminated
- SANA evaluation completed

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The SANA evaluation was initiated this quarter. A draft report is expected by the end of May and a final report by the end of the quarter.

The SANA impact reviews have been reviewed internally and revised. However, some of the reviews require additional work. These will be completed next quarter.

SO 19: Adoption of Policies and Strategies for Increased sustainability, Quality, Efficiency, and Equity of Health Services

Technical Area: Maternal Health/Essential Obstetrical Care (EOC)

1. Discuss and update strategy for EOC work in Francophone Africa

Expected Outputs:

- Report produced
- Dissemination and advocacy (D&A) strategy developed for participating countries

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

This discussion was postponed pending the return of the AFR/SD officer. It will be scheduled for next quarter.

2. In collaboration with partners, assist CEFORP with advocacy in maternal health in the region

Expected Outputs:

- Field test REDUCE in Senegal
- Introduce the model in the region on limited basis

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

REDUCE was tested in Senegal in April 2001 and discussions are ongoing with different potential partners for expanding the use of the model in the region.

3. Produce advocacy materials to maximize research results of EOC study in West Africa

Expected Outputs:

- *Meres en Danger* booklet as an advocacy tool for EOC developed and disseminated
- Tool integrated into country plans

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

A first draft of the booklet was received and reviewed, and the second draft is now being reviewed. The second draft will be used in briefings on journalists from throughout the West African region at the upcoming UNICEF-led maternal mortality forum for First Ladies. Once finalized, the booklet will be shared with partners working in the region.

4. Assist SAGO to monitor its EOC resolutions from 1998 and to input these into ongoing work

Expected Outputs:

- Workshop on policy monitoring
- Report on progress made in implementing policy resolutions in member states

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA has recently entered into discussions with CEFOREP regarding the development of a proposal to set up a policy monitoring process at CEFOREP to monitor these resolutions and to provide feedback for upcoming SAGO meetings.

5. Participate in the expansion of REDUCE model

Expected Outputs:

- TBD

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

This is ongoing. REDUCE has been presented at various forums and interest is growing. SARA has held discussions with MNH, SAVE and BASICS on doing country applications and it is expected that within the next quarter, at least two country applications will be planned. REDUCE has now been tested in Uganda and Senegal.

6. Develop a comprehensive dissemination strategy for results of 3-country EOC cost studies

Expected Outputs:

- Dissemination plan developed
- Appropriate materials completed and disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

These cost studies are now outdated and discussions with USAID have indicated that following up on this is not a priority. However, work on the costs of maternal health care remains important and this area should be pursued by SARA's new Health Economist once he is on board.

7. Assist ACNM to reformat and disseminate its database on TBAs and to disseminate the findings of its meta-analysis;

- **Organize consultative meeting in DC on role of TBAs in safe motherhood**

Expected Outputs:

- Database made available on CD-ROM
- Meta-analysis repackaged and disseminated
- Symposium held

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA worked with ACNM to develop a first proposal that was received and reviewed this quarter. A meeting was held in early April at which AFR/SD indicated the level of support it was willing to provide for this activity. The proposal is being redrafted and will be submitted to AFR/SD for onward transmission to SARA.

8. Provide support to International Council of Midwives Africa Regional Conference to include session on malaria in pregnancy

Expected Outputs:

- Participation by selected midwives and speakers at conference
- Advocacy materials shared at meeting

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

As planned, SARA provided support that allowed five midwives from the region to attend this conference on mobilizing midwives to impact maternal health. The brochure on malaria and pregnancy was made available to all participants at the meeting. Outcomes of the meeting included action plans for in-country advocacy work.

9. Follow-up to MNH workshop by supporting dissemination and regional training on a curriculum and standards and guidelines for EOC clinical practice in West Africa

Expected Outputs:

- Workshop held to establish norms and protocols based on those already available in draft

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The scope of work for this activity was developed this quarter, and, as expected, MNH held the workshop in Cameroon in March. Thus, follow-up activities are expected to commence next quarter.

SO 20: Policies and strategies for increased sustainability and quality of reproductive health services adopted

Technical Area: None in particular – Related to overall SO

1. Assist AFR/SD SO 20 team with managing the RH technical areas

Expected Outputs:

- Core team meetings held
- Technical areas completed and periodically updated
- R4 completed annually
- Technical advice provided

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The core team continues to meet regularly. This quarter, the team met frequently, sometimes weekly, while preparing the R4 submission, answers to mid-term review questions, and a portfolio review. SARA also assisted in getting progress reports from all CAs that receive AFR/SD funding and will be assisting in developing SOWs for new funding.

2. Conduct an SO 20 portfolio review of all or selected focus areas to re-examine strategic directions, mix of focus areas; best practices, and overall portfolio balance

Expected Outputs:

- Review completed
- Findings discussed within and outside core group and posted on web
- Technical areas and work plans updated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

This report was prepared, several drafts were received and commented on by the core group, and findings were integrated into the R4 process. The consultant did not recommend any changes to the current mix of activities/results packages. The consultant will shortly submit the final version of the report.

3. Assist AFR/SD with evaluating, tracking, and monitoring performance and results

Expected Outputs:

- Based on portfolio review and updated technical areas, revise indicators
- Simple data collection tables developed and applied

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA assisted in drawing up a simple matrix which summarizes ongoing activities funded by AFR/SD (SO 20). We have yet to develop data tables but expect that the work being done by the consultants to develop a database will serve this purpose.

4. Create stronger linkages with FHA and SFPS

Expected Outputs:

- At least two activities jointly organized or co-funded with SFPS (could include translation, repackaging of topical information, organization of meetings, etc.

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Following a first meeting with JHPIEGO in December, we have not been able to schedule a second meeting. However, SARA will shortly begin discussions with SFPS regarding the “cataloguing” of all tools and materials developed under SFPS, thus, this activity should see more progress next quarter.

SO 20: Policies and strategies for increased sustainability and quality of reproductive health services adopted

Technical Area: Male involvement (Addressing the reproductive health (RH) needs of underserved populations)

1. Assess the outcomes/results of the Male Involvement workshop in Francophone Africa with JHU/PCS, IPPF, AVSC, INTRAH, and SFPS

Expected Outputs:

- Questionnaires collected, analyzed and summary report completed

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Only 17 questionnaires were received. These were reviewed and major findings incorporated into the R4s for 1999. No further follow-up will take place.

2. Provide technical assistance and support to RESAR in the finalization and publication of a multi-country study on male involvement in RH

Expected Outputs:

- Final study report prepared and repackaged
- Dissemination plan developed and implemented

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Draft reports for 3 of the 4 countries in which the study was undertaken were received this quarter. These will shortly be reviewed and a meeting will be held in New York (Engender Health is another partner in this activity) with RESAR to discuss the findings, the report and proposed follow-up.

3. Assess current program activities for males – participate on USAID IWG on male involvement, work with AVSC on finalizing and field testing male curriculum and define additional needs for dissemination and translation

Expected Outputs:

- Male involvement curriculum translated, field-tested in both Anglophone and Francophone countries, and revised plans made for its use in different countries

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

This work is ongoing. SARA attended the IWG meeting on males this quarter and will attend another one this week. A SOW will be developed this quarter for dissemination work.

4. Support AVSC to evaluate the Guinea male involvement program

Expected Outputs:

- Report on pre- and post-test KAP study with control completed
- Lessons learned repackaged and disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

This is ongoing.

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Technical Area: Women's empowerment

1. Support the establishment of an East and South African women's media network hosted by S. African media org. in collaboration with the Freedom Forum and the S. Africa Department of Welfare

Expected Outputs:

- One seminar completed
- Print articles and broadcast programs produced
- Changes in media strategies documented

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

This activity will be implemented together with PRB through Measure Communication. PRB has recently recruited a media coordinator and two meetings have been held to do preliminary planning for this activity. It is not expected that it will be launched until late 2001.

2. Assist with documentation and dissemination of 3 case studies (Lessons learned) from Mali, Kenya and Nigeria

Expected Outputs:

- Briefing sheets on these three studies produced and disseminated through RH briefing packet

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA staff assisted AFR/SD to review NGO Networks case study on Nigeria. Gave guidance and recommendations for final draft.

3. Support development of issues paper on emergency contraception

Expected Outputs:

- Paper prepared in French and English
- Dissemination plan prepared and implemented

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

It is expected that this will form part of the SOW with Advance Africa.

4. Explore possible support to documentation of lessons learned in FGC

Expected Outputs:

- Lessons learned, advocacy and dissemination plans developed

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

PRB is finalizing this work, which involves additional analysis of DHS data and a policy brief.

5. Provide support for FGC donors meeting and activities as requested

Expected Outputs:

- Support provided

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter.

SO 20: Policies and strategies for increased sustainability and quality of reproductive health services adopted

Technical Area: **Reproductive health policies / strategies promotion**

1. Support CERPOD to update information on adolescent RH in the region by conducting an in-depth analysis of new DHS data from the region

Expected Outputs:

- Up-to-date information provided on ARH in at least 4 CERPOD member countries where new DHS data is involved
- Wall chart or brochure presenting this new information in an accessible way produced

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The subcontract was finalized this quarter and plans are underway to finalize the work plan in the next quarter.

2. Support CERPOD to design and conduct a course on qualitative research techniques targeted to RH professionals in Francophone Africa

Expected Outputs:

- Curriculum, marketing plan for recruiting participants, training reports, including training evaluation produced

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The subcontract was finalized this quarter and plans are underway to finalize the work plan in the next quarter.

3. Finalize and support a program of assistance for CRHCS

Expected Outputs:

- Program of assistance finalized and initiated (will include compiling, analyzing and disseminating information on critical issues in RH, including safe motherhood and malaria in pregnancy, and the involvement of CRHCS in the expansion of the REDUCE model)

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The subcontract was finalized this quarter. Although the HIV/AIDS Advisor has taken the lead on this activity, during the next quarter, Caroline Blair, the SARA Reproductive Health Advisor, will work more closely with CRHCS in moving RH activities forward.

4. Continue to support selected African institutions such as RESAR and link them with SFPS and other projects and organizations

Expected Outputs:

- TBD

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA continues to work with RESAR on the male involvement study and will discuss other possible support in July. RESAR and SARA will both be involved in the West African PAC initiative.

5. Document lessons learned during phase I of FHA/SFPS

Expected Outputs:

- Lessons learned documented in user-friendly manner

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

A preliminary meeting to get this activity started is planned for early May.

6. PAC regional workshop to take stock of ongoing work and to assist West African countries to plan for PAC activities, including behavioral and community mobilization issues

Expected Outputs:

- Workshop held in conjunction with SFPS and partners, including CEFOREP, SAGO, RESAR, CERPOD

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA will be attending the first planning meeting in May. A second one is tentatively planned for July and the actual major conference is planned (with CEFOREP as host) in November of this year.

SO 20: Policies and strategies for increased sustainability and quality of reproductive health services adopted

Technical Area: Effective Strategies for Integrating HIV/AIDS and FP

1. Support technical meetings of West African experts, program managers and policy-makers on topical and emerging issues in RH, including HIV/AIDS

Expected Outputs:

- At least one policy brief and related meeting organized, with state of the art on integration of HIV/AIDS and FP as theme

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

A new SOW will be prepared for additional funding from AFR/SD that was recently approved.

2. Provide support to WARP/FHA on RH activities

Expected Outputs:

- TBD

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Suzanne Prysor-Jones and Dr. Sambe Duale joined Mr. Felix Awantang, WARP SO 2 Team Leader, for a TDY to Bobo Dioulasso for consultations with senior staff of the West African Health Organization (WAHO) on the institutional development needs and technical areas for potential USAID support.

3. Francophone Quality of Care TA as needed from MAQ meeting

Expected Outputs:

- TBD

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA attends these meetings.

4. Support for PPT studies

Expected Outputs:

- One-page briefers from the PSI documents produced

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA staff assisted AFR/SD in reviewing the final draft, which is slated for production in the next quarter. SARA staff worked with PSI to develop a dissemination strategy and gave guidance on Nigerian case study document.

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Technical Area: Family Planning Financing

1. Define health care financing follow-up activities to September 1999 conference on RH health care reform

Expected Outputs:

- TBD in consultation with AFR/SD and CAs

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

There has been ambiguity about who at AFR/SD will continue to manage this area, and, as a result of this, coupled with overall workload, no progress was made this quarter. It is expected that, with the impending arrival of a Health Economist at SARA, activities will move forward.

SO 21: Adoption of Cost-effective Strategies to Prevent and Mitigate the Impact of HIV/AIDS

Technical Area: HIV/AIDS

1. Paper on best practices and experiences on linking prevention, care and support

Expected Outputs:

- Literature review completed

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The matrix on care and support issues developed by the Care and Support Group chaired by David Stanton was revised bringing the content to a more manageable level. When finished, the paper will include analysis and compilation of “good practices that link prevention, care and support interventions at the local level” in specific thematic areas. Progress has been slow. It has been suggested that maybe SARA could hire technical assistance to compile specific aspects of this, e.g. mobilizing communities in prevention of MTCT linked with VCT. Another area is the role of community networks and groups in addressing HIV/AIDS issues that link care and support to prevention, e.g. the ACI poles of excellence experience in Senegal.

2. Disseminate tool for monitoring and evaluating infant feeding practices in the context of research and programs on mother-to-child transmission of HIV

Expected Outputs:

- Tool disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter.

3. Repackaging and dissemination of MTCT strategy

Expected Outputs:

- Materials repackaged

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The MTCT USAID Guidance paper was repackaged into:

- “Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission of HIV in Africa: A Synthesis of the Issues and framework for Action”.
- The Role of Regional Institutions and Networks in the prevention of MTCT of HIV/AIDS in Sub-Saharan Africa”, for presentation by Dr. Stephen Kinoti, SARA HIV/AIDS Advisor, at the Society for Women and AIDS in Africa’s 8th Conference to be held 2- April 2001.
- A report to Congress entitled, “USAID Efforts to Prevent Mother –to Child Transmission of HIV/AIDS: An Overview of U.S. Agency for International Development Programs and Approaches” and disseminated widely. This document is on the Synergy Project Website.

4. Develop guidelines on HIV and nutrition

Expected Outputs:

- Guidelines repackaged and disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter.

5. Continuous issues identification, information dissemination and advocacy for comprehensive approaches to reducing mother-to-child transmission of HIV

Expected Outputs:

- Consultations, etc., attended
- Information briefs developed and disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

During the CRHCS/ECSA Consultation to develop a regional HIV/AIDS strategy, held in March 2001, in Arusha, Tanzania, the paper, “Role of Regional Institutions and Networks in the Prevention of MTCT of HIV/AIDS in Sub-Saharan Africa” was shared with all the participants from 13 countries and regional partners present.

Other material shared during this consultation is a summary of , “Experience with VCT in MTCT pilot programs”, which provided good information to guide the development of the regional strategy particularly in linking VCT/MTCT and community uptake.

6. Dissemination of Youth livelihood best practices for the prevention of HIV/AIDS

Expected Outputs:

- Paper finalized and disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

IDRC provided a report that combines evidence of “best practice” from the small enterprise literature with findings from a youth livelihoods study in order to develop “practical tools” to assist donors and practitioners in effectively linking reproductive health, youth livelihoods and enterprise development. The report includes an overview of the African context, “lessons learned” from “linked” programs and small enterprise best practice, and four “tools” to support practice and research on how youth livelihood can successfully be linked to reproductive health (RH) and HIV/AIDS activities. To build on this, further work will be undertaken in the coming quarter in collaboration with AFR/SD, Global and other partners.

7. Technical support for AFR/SD initiatives to address the impact of HIV/AIDS on educational systems

Expected Outputs:

- Workshop organized
- Materials disseminated (included in the subcontract with CRHCS)
- Pre-service training curricula review and follow-up activities

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

See SO 18, item 2, page 3 above.

8. Support assessment of the impact of HIV/AIDS on the health system

Expected Outputs:

- Background materials prepared
- Assessment tools completed
- Assessments conducted
- Dissemination of reports

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The fifth draft of the background paper on, “Impact of HIV/AIDS on the Health Sector in Sub-Saharan Africa: The Issue of Human Resources” was prepared accompanied by a matrix of previous assessments undertaken. This paper concludes that there is need for further focused assessments that must be linked to the design of interventions and implementation of such interventions.

Discussions with partners such as CRHCS/ECSA, REDSO, WHO/AFRO, USAID Global and Missions was initiated.

9. Assist AFR/SD SO 21 Team in managing the HIV/AIDS Technical Area

Expected Outputs:

- Core team meetings held
- SO 21 portfolio reviews organized
- Performance monitoring plan updated
- Peer reviews organized and expert advice provided

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Regular Core HIV/AIDS Team meetings are held every Wednesday involving Dr. Stephen Kinoti , Global and AFR/SD, and the broader group once a month. Understanding and collaboration among AFR/SD, Global and SARA have greatly increased.

An AFR/SD HIV/AIDS strategy outline has been developed.

The PMP draft has been developed, but is awaiting further refinement, particularly with respect to indicators.

10. Support advocacy for multi-sectoral approaches to HIV/AIDS

Expected Outputs:

- AIDS Briefs and AIDS packets collated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

AIDS Briefs and Toolkits were used by the CRHCS/ECSA Consultation to develop a Regional HIV/AIDS Strategy in March 2001.

The IDRC Youth Livelihood study report was produced. Follow up actions will be developed in the next quarter.

11. Strengthen CERPOD capacity and involvement with M&E of HIV/AIDS programs in West Africa

Expected Outputs:

- HIV/AIDS point person hired by CERPOD
- Action plan developed and implemented

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA has continued discussions with the FHI Regional Coordinator in West Africa and other interested stakeholders on assisting CERPOD to hire the person to lead the development and implementation of HIV/AIDS activities.

12. Strengthen CRHCS/ECSA capacity to support HIV/AIDS policy changes in eastern and southern Africa

Expected Outputs:

- Action plan developed and implemented by multi-disciplinary task force
- Partial support for HIV/AIDS Coordinator position
- Support technical working meeting of HIV/AIDS task force to design training and monitoring strategy

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Stephen Kinoti assisted the CRHCS in the development of the TOR for the Multi-Disciplinary Task Force. The draft of this will be forwarded to SARA for further review in the next quarter.

SARA participated in the development of the criteria for identification and appointment of the HIV/AIDS Policy Advisor/Coordinator at the CRHCS. Appointment of the person will be completed in May 2001 and the person deployed around July 2001.

The activities of the HIV/AIDS Task Force will be implemented after the HIV/AIDS Coordinator has taken office and the Task Force constituted.

13. Development and production of a discussion paper on HIV/AIDS prevention, care and support in West and Central Africa

Expected Outputs:

- Paper developed, produced and disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

This activity is considered closed. Dr. Duale Sambe prepared a couple of slides on HIV/AIDS in West Africa for Ms. Hope Sukin's presentation at a strategy meeting on FHA's HIV/AIDS work in West Africa.

14. HIV/AIDS advocacy and information dissemination through African institutions and networks

Expected Outputs:

- Network meetings co-sponsored
- Information briefs produced and disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The CRHCS/SARA Policy Guide draft was shared with the East and Southern Africa Management Institute (ESAMI) and RATN with a view to facilitating development of a course that would lead to its adaptation and application at country level to improve monitoring of policy implementation at country level. This will be followed up in the next quarter.

Dr. Stephen Kinoti also prepared a presentation proposing a set of indicators for monitoring implementation of the proposed Regional Strategy for HIV/AIDS in ECSA. These indicators are an adaptation of the harmonized UNAIDS/WHO/USAID indicators for monitoring national AIDS Control Program with some regional program indicators as well.

15. Participation in joint planning and coordination activities on international HIV/AIDS initiatives in Africa (World Bank, UNAIDS, WHO, LIFE, SADC etc.)

Expected Outputs:

- SARA staff & consultant involved in meetings and electronic exchanges with partners
- Participation at ICASA 2001 in Ouagadougou

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Duale Sambe has continued working to mobilize the U. S. Department of Defense LIFE Project, the Civil-Military Alliance, USAID, UNAIDS and other stakeholders to support a proposal from the West African Health Organization (WAHO) for addressing HIV/AIDS in ECOWAS militaries. SARA provided technical and logistical support to the WAHO Secretariat to organize a meeting March 15-16, 2001, in Bamako, Mali, on developing a framework of collaboration on HIV/AIDS activities in ECOWAS countries. WAHO will prepare a report of the meeting for wide dissemination to stakeholders and donor agencies.

Dr. Stephen Kinoti participated in the REDSO/ESA Partners Meeting in Nairobi, February 2001, which brought together RCQHC, CRHCS, CAFS, SARA and CAs working in the region. This was a landmark in the development of collaboration and coordination among regional partners and REDSO. Specific mechanisms for collaboration and program areas identified are available in a separate report by REDSO. Broad areas for collaboration discussed included strengthening the health system in response to specific program areas such as HIV/AIDS, RH, Nutrition, OVC, among others.

Dr. Kinoti also participated in a consultation, "HIV/AIDS in Southern Africa: Regional Stability and United States Policy" and presented as a discussant on issues relating to the impact of HIV/AIDS on the health sector. In his talk, he emphasized the inescapable need to strengthen the health systems as an essential step in responding to the epidemic. The consultation was organized by the Foreign Service Institute in Washington DC.

Dr. Kinoti also participated in the International Conference on Medical Education held in Washington DC and presented a paper, "Strengthening Medical and Allied Professional Education and Training for improved HIV/AIDS Interventions in Sub-Sahara Africa".

Issues relating to strengthening VCT and MTCT prevention programs through counseling training were discussed by an interagency meeting in Nairobi that worked a mechanism for collaboration in this endeavor. Participating agencies included UNAIDS, WHO, CRHCS, SARA, CAFS, RATN and NARESA. It was agreed that the assessment of training needs and capacities including curricula that is being undertaken by WHO be completed and used to inform the proposed plan to strengthen not just nurses training but the relevant medical and allied professional to ensure adequate capacity to support VCT and MTCT. Dr. Kinoti represented SARA in this activity.

SO 22: Improved Policies, Strategies and Programs for Preventing, Mitigating and Transition out of Crises

Technical Area: Epidemic preparedness

1. Technical support to update AFR/SD on Epidemic Preparedness and Response, and Transition Initiatives

Expected Outputs:

- Review meetings held
- TA provided for the development and production of the technical area

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Duale Sambe joined AFR/SD and OFDA colleagues in discussing potential areas of collaboration between OFDA and the WHO/AFRO program on epidemic preparedness and response.

2. Production and dissemination of the report of the Review of the joint AFR/SD, WHO/AFRO & CDC initiative on epidemic preparedness and response, and support selected follow-up activities

Expected Outputs:

- Lessons learned from the WCA block reviewed, documented in a report and disseminated
- TA provided by SARA staff and consultant for follow-up activities

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The report of the documentation of the WHO/AFRO Epidemiological Block Approach to Epidemic Preparedness and Response in Africa is finalized. A summary report has been produced for wider dissemination to sensitize various audiences to the work of WHO/AFRO in this area.

SO: Cross-cutting

Technical Area: Various areas – Monitoring and Evaluation Activities

1. Organize and hold core monitoring & evaluation group meetings to discuss issues related to performance monitoring, reporting, evaluation and assessment

Expected Outputs:

- Core M&E group meetings held regularly to discuss specific action items.

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Core M&E Group meetings were held this period to discuss progress in the development of the planned activity tracking database. Significant progress was made in determining critical elements of the design for the system. Anne Inserra, SARA M&E Advisor, resigned this quarter. AED is searching for a replacement.

2. a) Design and test activity database

Expected Outputs:

- Preliminary design finished
- Feedback from AFR/SD/HRD staff incorporated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA consultants from SOFTEK have had a preliminary testing of the database on selected AFR/SD activities. The completed system design will be shared with SD staff for additional feedback before being finalized.

2.b) Input FY 2000 data into activity database

Expected Outputs:

- Activity data for FY 2000 entered into database

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter. Design and testing will be completed first.

2.C) Train AFR/SD/HRD staff in operation and maintenance of activity database

Expected Outputs:

- AFR/SD/HRD staff trained
- Guide for operating database produced

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Training of relevant staff will begin as soon as the design is completed.

3.a) Finalize impact reviews for selected activities under SARA/SANA

Expected Outputs:

- Final drafts of impact reviews produced for the following:
 - Male involvement (SO 20)
 - Integrated nutrition program (SO 19)
 - Early childhood care, survival, growth and development initiative (SO 20)
 - 2-page SO 20 impact reviews developed for distribution

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Updated notebooks containing all of the impact reviews completed under SARA I have been distributed to SARA and SD/HRD staff.

3.b) Prepare 4-5 new impact reviews for selected activities under SARA/SANA (potential topics on page 45 of FY 01 work plan)

Expected Outputs:

- Draft and final versions of impact reviews produced.

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA has been asked to develop impact reviews of selected activities under the AFR/SD and OIRH PASA. SARA has hired consultant Ms. Suzanne McLees to take on this task.

4. Finalize strategic planning tool for activities and work with SO teams to apply tool to new activities (Planning Arrow Tool)

Expected Outputs:

- Draft tool vetted with M&E core group and experimented with by SO teams
- Tool applied to 3-4 new activities planned during FY 01

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The planning arrow was used to plan the SARA-funded research on the role of NGOs in the education sector. Additional feedback on this tool is not being received from AFR/SD.

<p>5. Develop optional worksheet formats to record detailed notes for data totals and/or data sources for performance indicators. Test with SO 20 core team members</p> <p><i>Expected Outputs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft worksheet format revised based on feedback from SO 20 core team <p><i>Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:</i></p> <p>No activity this quarter.</p>
<p>6. Support evaluation and assessment efforts across AFR/SD/HRD portfolio as requested (e.g., SANA final evaluation, work with African institutions under SARA I, reproductive health portfolio review)</p> <p><i>Expected Outputs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SOWs as required and evaluation reports, etc. (e.g., final SANA evaluation report produced) • Report produced for assessment of SARA work with African institutions <p><i>Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:</i></p> <p>The report of the WHO/AFRO and USAID/AFR/SD joint review and documentation of the cooperative epidemic preparedness and response (EPR) program in Africa was produced and is being disseminated. SARA is assisting AFR/SD with the draft of the SOW for the proposed evaluation of UNICEF and WHO/AFRO programs on IMCI.</p>
<p>7. Explore potential development of standardized activity monitoring report format</p> <p><i>Expected Outputs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feasibility and utility of standardized activity monitoring report formats studied by M&E core group. <p><i>Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:</i></p> <p>No activity this quarter.</p>

SO: Cross-cutting

Technical Area: Various areas

1. Technical support for AFR/SD work in transition countries, including the development of a paper on USAID health sector experience

Expected Outputs:

- TA provided
- Paper developed, produced and disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter.

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2. Technical support for the CRHCS/ECSA approach to monitoring and evaluation of PHN policy changes in Eastern and Southern Africa

Expected Outputs:

- Policy M&E manual finalized and disseminated
- Selected CRHCS countries use manual for HIV/AIDS policy monitoring

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Work on the Policy Manual has been on-going. Late in the quarter, the draft was sent out to CRHCS, The Policy Project, and others for external review. It is anticipated that the review process will go well into the next quarter, and production will be in the fourth quarter.

3. Finalization and dissemination of CERPOD self-evaluation guide

Expected Outputs:

- TA provided
- Manual produced and disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA staff made the final edits to the French version, which is currently being formatted for production. The French version will be finalized, produced and disseminated over the next two quarters. The English version is currently being reviewed by the author, and will be submitted for production in the next quarter. This version will be disseminated and produced in the fourth quarter.

<p>4. Support CESAG linkages with other institutions for dissemination and training in health management</p> <p><i>Expected Outputs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBD <p><i>Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:</i></p> <p>No activity this quarter.</p>
<p>5. Follow-up with CORE and others on education and health linkages</p> <p><i>Expected Outputs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBD <p><i>Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:</i></p> <p>No activity this quarter.</p>
<p>6. Development of capacity for health systems research in Francophone Africa</p> <p><i>Expected Outputs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Networking meetings held • Materials translated and disseminated <p><i>Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:</i></p> <p>No activity this quarter.</p>
<p>7. Production and dissemination of a CD-ROM with relevant literature on management of disasters and complex humanitarian emergencies (CHE)</p> <p><i>Expected Outputs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevant materials collected, reviewed and scanned • CD-ROM produced and disseminated <p><i>Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:</i></p> <p>A number of copies of the CD-ROM have been disseminated. The materials from the CD-ROM have been posted on the CERTI Web-site.</p>

8. Production of a training manual for NGOs working on management of disasters, complex humanitarian emergencies, and transition programs

Expected Outputs:

- Manual developed, tested, produced and disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

JHU has promised to produce the CD-ROM version of the manual in early April, 2001.

9. Strengthen selected NAPHI member institutions in the area of training curricula, research and information sharing on management of disasters and CHE

Expected Outputs:

- Working group meeting organized
- Action plan developed and implemented, including plan for resource mobilization

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter.

10. Technical support for the management and maintenance of the CERTI website

Expected Outputs:

- Moderation and quality assurance of materials posted on website
- Site maintained

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

More materials from various CERTI partners have been posted on the Web site (WWW.CERTI.ORG) this period.

11. Support the development of an issues paper on public health work force crisis in Africa

Expected Outputs:

- Paper drafted, reviewed and finalized
- Production and dissemination

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA has contracted the services of Ms. Jenny Huddart of Initiatives, Inc., to prepare the paper. A first draft will be circulated for review in early May 2001.

13. Documentation and dissemination of NGO/PVO promising practices in transition interventions

Expected Outputs:

- Study report produced and disseminated
- Briefs on best practices prepared and disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Activity completed.

SO: Cross-cutting

Technical Area: Dissemination and advocacy

Result ia: Capacity to Advocate

1. Train other regional African institutions in advocacy (CRHCS – health professionals and senior staff)

Expected Outputs:

- Selected African institutions trained

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA Subcontract with CRHCS provides support for senior CRHCS to be trained in advocacy.

2. Provide the Advocacy Guide to groups to use it (African institutions, CAs etc.) on request

Expected Outputs:

- Advocacy Guide provided to selected groups

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

81 copies of the Advocacy Guide were disseminated to 9 countries, including 4 African countries.

3. U.S.-based consultative meeting with organizations involved in advocacy in Africa +materials fair

Expected Outputs:

- Consultative meeting and fair held

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Activity completed.

4. Follow-up and systematically assess the advocacy training to see whether and how the participants have used their skills

Expected Outputs:

- Follow-up completed
- Recommendations made for future

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA staff has requested a concept paper from CAFS to conduct this activity.

5. Identify and explore partnerships with existing advocacy groups (US-based and Africa-based)

Expected Outputs:

- Connections made

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter.

6. Develop materials to improve the use of advocacy guide, e.g., one-day training guide

Expected Outputs:

- Materials Developed

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter.

Result ib: Capacity to Disseminate Information

7. Assist CRHCS in strengthening its information communication activities and staff, including providing monitoring and support to the IDCs.

Expected Outputs:

- Program strengthened as needed

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

A concept paper was developed and is currently under review. A formal proposal will be developed and submitted to

<p>The Leland Initiative in the next quarter.</p>
<p>8. Work with African institutions to build capacity in repackaging information. Possible activities include workshop, training, etc., through, e.g. CRHCS</p> <p><i>Expected Outputs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased capacity of African institutions to repackage information <p><i>Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:</i></p> <p>No activity this quarter.</p>
<p>9. Assist African institutions in repackaging information on an as needed basis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CRHCS CERPOD Others <p><i>Expected Outputs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information repackaged <p><i>Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:</i></p> <p>Repackaging information is part of the SARA Subcontract with CRHCS and CERPOD. SARA staff discussed ways to support the Regional Center for Quality Health Care in repackaging information.</p>
<p>10. Collaborate with other USAID Projects (e.g. BASICS, Horizons, Synergy, Measure, NGO networks, MSH) to improve their dissemination on priority AFR/SD issues on request</p> <p><i>Expected Outputs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dissemination of priority issues improved for selected projects <p><i>Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:</i></p> <p>SARA staff gave guidance to NGO Networks, PSI/AIDSMark, and USAID on the dissemination and repackaging of the NGO Networks study in Nigeria and PPT lessons learned report.</p>

11. Support a supplement to the Africa Health journal on a specific topic (most likely related to MTCT or HIV and Nutrition)

Expected Outputs:

- Publication of AFR/SD-funded materials circulated throughout Africa.

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Materials developed by SARA staff on HIV and Nutrition were submitted to Africa Health in order to begin work on the editorial supplement. Review of the synthesis will take place in the third quarter. The supplement is slated to appear in the July issue of Africa Health Journal.

12. Collaborate with other African Institutions (e.g. RATN, RESAR, CESAG, WHO/AFRO, Makerere, AMREF, HST, FAWE, NARESA, ERNESA) to improve their dissemination on priority AFR/SD issues

Expected Outputs:

- Dissemination of priority issues improved for selected institutions

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter.

13. Develop series of Dissemination Briefs to assist projects and African institutions in developing and carrying out a dissemination strategy

Expected Outputs:

- Dissemination briefs developed
- Dissemination strategy developed and implemented

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter.

14. Organize a consultative meeting on dissemination for USAID and CAs based on SARA's experiences and those of other CAs

Expected Outputs:

- Meeting held and experiences shared.

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter.

Result ic: Capacity to Communicate Electronically

15. Provide connection fees and training to African institutions

Expected Outputs:

- Selected African institutions on-line with e-mail and Internet access

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter.

16. Link African institution personnel to e-communication opportunities

- MOH ministers in ECSA region through CRHCS

Expected Outputs:

- Selected personnel linked to opportunities

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter.

17. Explore innovative use of distance education for dissemination and use of information. If appropriate, develop a strategy for becoming involved in collaboration with an African institution (e.g., AMREF, African Virtual University, etc.)

Expected Outputs:

- Innovative uses of distance education explored and a strategy developed, if warranted.

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA staff is in the process of collecting more research in this area.

Result iia: Materials Development and Production

18. Design and package information in appropriate formats (books, syntheses, executive summaries, e-notes, policy briefs/brochures, tools). Current documents in production include:

- **Policy manual for CRHCS**
- **Self-evaluation Manual (English and French)**
- **AFR/SD Country Briefs (printing)**
- **Manual on Qualitative Manuals (French version)**

Expected Outputs:

- Selected information designed and packaged

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Work on the Policy Manual has been on-going. Late in the quarter, the draft was sent out to CRHCS, The Policy Project, and others for external review. It is anticipated that the review process will go well into the next quarter, and production will be in the fourth quarter.

SARA staff made the final edits of the French version of the Self-Evaluation Guide. It is currently being formatted for production. The French version will be finalized, produced and disseminated over the next two quarters. The English version is currently being reviewed by the author, and will be submitted for production in the next quarter. This version will be disseminated and produced in the fourth quarter.

19. Dissemination of key cross-cutting products as requested, e.g.:

- **Introduction to Advocacy**
- **Influencing Policies & Programs + trainers' guide**
- **HIV and Nutrition**
- **Malaria and Pregnancy Brochure**

Expected Outputs:

- Products disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

81 copies of Introduction to Advocacy disseminated.

159 Influencing Policies & Programs + trainers' guide disseminated.

2811 HIV & Nutrition publication disseminated.

5385 Malaria and Pregnancy brochures were disseminated. 25 African countries received the brochure.

20. Assessments of Use of AFR/SD-SARA products (2 documents per year)

- **Research Guide and AIDS Briefs**
- **Malaria document**

Expected Outputs:

- Use of documents assessed & presentation given

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Questionnaires have been sent out to the major requestors of A Time to Act and follow-up and preliminary analysis is being conducted. A first draft of the questionnaire for the Research Guide is being developed.

Result iib: Dissemination Channels

21. Mail documents to targeted mailing list

Expected Outputs:

- Documents mailed

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

13,514 documents (including requests) were mailed this quarter
504 requests fulfilled for 12,985 documents—accounts for 96% of all disseminated documents.

22. Explore new opportunities to disseminate more information

Expected Outputs:

- E-mail lists

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

In collaboration with AFR/SD, SARA staff developed a strategy to advise missions, USAID/W and key NGOs about recent AFR/SD funded documents. This quarterly publications list was sent to approximately 150 people and generated 13 responses.

23. Website maintenance + publications updates

Expected Outputs:

- Website redesigned

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA website is under construction. Selected staff is writing and editing the content for the pages with technical area information. A deadline of July 1 has been given to the staff to complete the editing. However, because of the staff's traveling plans, the deadline may be extended, resulting in launching the site at a later date.

Several SARA "key" Publications have been converted to PDF files for electronic dissemination. They are available for download at http://www.aed.org/sara/sara_pubs.htm.

Publications — Final

Epidemic Preparedness and Response in Africa: An Epidemiological Block Approach. Summary Report.

SARA Annual Report FY00

Des Vies menacées: Paludisme et grossesse (French malaria and pregnancy brochure)

24. Design and launch a SARA website***Expected Outputs:***

- SARA web page outline

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

As discussed in the previous item, the SARA website is under construction. Selected staff is writing and editing the content for the pages with technical area information. A deadline of July 1 has been given to the staff to complete the editing. However, because of the staff's traveling plans, the deadline may be extended, resulting in launching the site at a later date.

25. Promote information through various listservs (AFRONETS, ReproHlth, WB, AHILANet)***Expected Outputs:***

- Information promoted

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter.

26. Develop an electronic conference (with some SO Team)***Expected Outputs:***

- Electronic conference developed with selected team

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter.

27. Develop and send via e-mail quarterly announcement of AFR/SD publications/products***Expected Outputs:***

- Broadcast e-mail sent quarterly

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

In collaboration with AFR/SD, SARA staff developed a strategy to advise missions, USAID/W and key NGOs about recent AFR/SD funded documents. This quarterly publications list was sent to approximately 150 people and generated 13 responses. SARA will be updating the electronic mailing list each quarter.

28. Explore new activities such as CD-ROMS and listservs. Assess whether SARA should put something together for a CD-ROM. Explore whether a listserv like AFRO-NETS for health exists for education. Monitor CERTI CD-ROM activity***Expected Outputs:***

- New activities of this nature identified, including whether SARA should do CD-ROM
- AFRO-NETS-like listserv for education identified if one exists

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

A CD-ROM with relevant literature on management of disasters and complex humanitarian emergencies was produced and a number of copies have been disseminated. The materials from the CD-ROM have been posted on the CERTI web site.

Result iic: User Needs**29. Identify information for decision makers*****Expected Outputs:***

- Information identified

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter.

30. Analyze tracking information on major SARA publications***Expected Outputs:***

- Information analyzed

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

5182 documents, or 38 % of all disseminated publications this quarter, were sent to Africa.
81 copies of Introduction to Advocacy disseminated.
159 Influencing Policies & Programs + trainers' guide disseminated.
2811 HIV & Nutrition publication disseminated.
5385 Malaria and Pregnancy brochures were disseminated. 25 African countries received the brochure.

31. Develop improved ways to communicate with missions; e.g., semi-annual summary report of AFR/SD activities every 6 months, elicit mission input into how AFR/SD can help them with dissemination, communication, etc.

Expected Outputs:

- Information compiled, written and shared with missions

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The dissemination of SARA II's quarterly electronic publications list is geared towards improving the ways in which SARA communicates with missions. In collaboration with AFR/SD, SARA staff developed a strategy to advise missions, USAID/W and key NGOs about recent AFR/SD-funded documents. This quarterly publications list was sent to approximately 150 people and generated 13 responses

Result 3: Dissemination and Advocacy Activities Incorporated into AFR/SD SOs

32. Provide TA to all AFR/SD teams to ensure that RPs have dissemination & advocacy built into activities

Expected Outputs:

- TA given & dissemination & advocacy activities reviewed

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Antonia Wolff and Renu Bery participate in all meetings with core groups to assist the team in developing dissemination and advocacy strategies.

33. SO Team Core Group Dissemination Activities (cross-referenced)

SO18- Education

Education Assessment folder

ERNWACA Transnational Study Document

Expected Outputs:

- Folder disseminated
- Document produced and disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

See information under SO 18 above.

SO19- Malaria/Infectious Diseases

Production, translation, and printing of Malaria docs

Expected Outputs:

- Per Table

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

See information under SO 19 above.

SO 19 – Immunization

EPI reports

Lessons learned paper on grant to UNICEF and WHO for 4 countries

Advocacy activities for EPI using African institutions (e.g., CRHCS or others)

Expected Outputs:

- TBD

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

See information under SO 19 above.

SO19- Nutrition/child survival

Production and printing of HIV and nutrition paper

MTCT strategy paper

HIV Risks and Realities

Modified Breastfeeding for HIV+ women

HIV and Breastfeeding Promotion review

Paper on Sources and effectiveness of care for Childhood illness in Africa

Maximizing the potential of private practitioners in child survival

Expected Outputs:

- HIV and nutrition paper produced and printed
- Papers printed and disseminated. Likely co-funded with SANA and other projects.

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

See information under SO 19 above.

SO20-Population and Reproductive Health

RH Briefing Packet

Guidance given to CA partners on dissemination and advocacy as related to documentation of projects, etc.

Expected Outputs:

- TBD

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

See information under SO 20 above.

SO9-HIV/AIDS

Reproduction & collation of Briefing packets

Other sectoral workshops

Targeted dissemination of AIDS Briefs

Discussions on production of AIDS Toolkits for French-system of govt.

BP paper on prevention, care and support

Development of advocacy documents for MTCT (cf. Nutrition)

Assistance in producing HIV/AIDS success stories from field

Dissemination from Religious Leaders conference

Contribution to HIV/AIDS electronic filing system as appropriate

Expected Outputs:

- Briefing packets collated
- Sectoral workshops organized

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

See information under SO 21 above.

SO 24 - Polio Eradication

Continue assisting WHO/AFRO on dissemination and Advocacy

Finalize, print and disseminate:

Laboratory manual in French

Paper on health interventions in transition countries (cross-cutting area)

Expected Outputs:

- Document produced and disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

See information under SO 24 Polio above.

CTO Lette	Activity Name	Activity Manager	Approved	Implementation Status
100	Ellen Piwoz TA on HIV and infant feeding, research in Zimbabwe & SA	Prysor-Jones	10/12/1999	Trip completed
101	Pre-award financial review of CERPOD (Delphine Johnson)	Prysor-Jones	10/12/1999	Review completed.
102	Bringing a D&A perspective to AFRO/EPI polio eradication unit	Bery	11/23/1999	Trip completed
103	Participation in REDSO/PHN & the Regional Centre for Quality of Health Ca	Piwoz	1/12/2000	Trip completed
104	SARA TA to CRHCS DJCC, Arusha, 1/28/00, Steve Kinoti	Kinoti	1/21/2000	Trip completed
105	Presentation of papers at CIES conference in San Antonio, TX, by Yolande	Miller-Grandvaux	3/1/2000	Trip completed
106	To assist USAID/Mali in reviewing its ed agenda	Miller-Grandvaux	3/29/2000	Scheduled for 4/2000
200	Hiring Dr. Bill Rau as a SARA Project evaluation & HIV/AIDS policy advisor	Prysor-Jones	10/12/1999	Consultancy completed
200a	Bill Rau, 10 more days	Prysor-Jones, Duale	10/26/1999	Consultancy completed
200b	Bill Rau, 10 more days	Prysor-Jones, Duale	11/2/1999	Consultancy completed
200c	Continuation of Bill Rau through January-April 2000, 35 more days	Prysor-Jones, Duale	1/4/2000	Underway
201	Hiring Dr. Stephen Kinoti as SARA consultant	Duale	10/18/1999	Consultancy completed
201a	Familiarization trip for Dr. Steve Kinoti to South Africa	Prysor-Jones	11/18/1999	See 104 above
202	Roger Gosselin facilitation of SATI workshop	Prysor-Jones	10/19/1999	Trip completed
203	Beth Preble to complete paper on HIV and Nutrition	Piwoz	10/19/1999	Nearing completion
203a	HIV/AIDS & nutrition paper, Beth Preble, 5 more days	Piwoz	2/8/2000	Nearing completion
204	Transitioning Dissemination Center activity to a regional institution (Lawrenc	Bery	10/19/1999	Activity completed
206	Linda Kean, finalization of Nutrition Briefs	Piwoz	11/2/1999	Work completed
207	Design for Qualitative Manual (Paula Whitacre)	Bery	11/2/1999	Work completed
208	Documentation of results of EMC teams within AFRO West & Great Lakes e	Duale	3/14/2000	Awaiting schedule fr/AFRO
301	Duale at Global Meeting on M&E of HIV Prevention, etc., April 12-24, 2000,	Duale	3/14/2000	Subcontract completed 3/00
350	Morehouse School of Medicine activities 10-11/99	Blair	10/12/1999	Purchase order completed
351	Morehouse - Extension of Lalla Toure through January 31, 2000	Blair	12/22/1999	Purchase order completed
352	Institutional strengthening of SAGO	Blair	3/24/2000	Underway
400	JHPIEGO follow-up to West Africa EOC Conference of December 1998	Blair	10/12/1999	Subcontract completed 4/00
401	Francophone MAQ bulletin	Blair	10/13/1999	Underway
450	PRB activities under SARA II, October 1999 through January 2000	Prysor-Jones	10/12/1999	Subcontract completed 4/00
500	Training for CERPOD in ISSA software (Victor Canales)	Prysor-Jones	10/12/1999	Trip completed
501	CEFOREP follow-up to West Africa EOC Conference of December 1998	Blair	10/12/1999	Purchase order in progress
503	Training of CESAG staff in ops. research methodology (Leduc, Berthelette)	Prysor-Jones	11/18/1999	Consultancy completed
504	Devt of key tools & activities (CERPOD consultants)	Prysor-Jones	1/14/2000	Purchase order in progress
505	Reintegration of IDC in East & Southern Africa into CRHCS info dissem prog	Bery	2/1/2000	Trip completed
600	Sponsorship of RESAR country researchers & SARA staff to annual RESAR	Blair	10/21/1999	Trip completed
601	Making presentation to CRHCS on electronic communication	Bery	10/19/1999	Activity completed
603	RESAR Post-Cairo Assessment of RH Policies & programs in W. Africa	Blair	11/19/1999	Activity completed
604	Support to SAGO, CEFORP & CERPOD activities	Blair	12/22/1999	Trip completed

604a	Support to planning of SAGO biennial conference, etc., per CTO letter 604	Blair	1/4/2000	Trip completed
605	Post-CIES Study Tour for 3 African Network representatives	Miller-Grandvaux	3/1/2000	Tour completed
606	Advocacy training workshop for Anglophone chapters of ERNWACA	Miller-Grandvaux	3/29/2000	Scheduled for next qtr.
607	SARA support to CRHCS DJCC meeting	Kinoti, Blair	3/3/2000	Trip completed
607a	SARA support to CRHCS DJCC meeting - additional costs	Kinoti, Blair	3/29/2000	Trip completed
608	Panel presentation at the national Summit for Africa	Miller-Grandvaux	3/1/2000	Activity completed
609	Support to 13th Conference of IUATLD Africa Region, Conakry, Guinea	Duale	3/3/2000	Scheduled for 5/2000
610	Support presenters and dissemination of materials at Ghana Health Founda	Duale	3/2/2000	Activity completed
611	Participation in Durban Intl AIDS meeting & pre-conference satellite mtg on I	Piwoz	3/14/2000	Scheduled for 7/2000
612	Support two African participants to attend HIV/AIDS in Education WS, Durba	Miller-Grandvaux, Duale	3/30/2000	Scheduled for next qtr.
700	Publication of a supplement to the Annals re: malaria and pregnancy	Duale	10/12/1999	Activity completed
701	SD HIV/AIDS Briefing Materials folders	Bery	10/12/1999	Activity completed
702	Printing of Nutrition Briefs	Ntiru	10/12/1999	Activity completed
703	Printing of four program profiles for CRHCS Jubilee conference	Bery	10/26/1999	Activity completed
704	Translation, printing and mailing of 3 malaria publications	Bery	11/2/1999	Underway
705	Editorial Assistance for SARA Publications	Bery	12/14/1999	Underway
706	Printing of French version of facilitation manual for "Making a Difference" (B	Bery	12/14/1999	Activity completed
707	Helping local health workers better analyze & use their data to improve servi	Shafritz	12/14/1999	Trip completed. Doc. In revision
708	Production of an IMCI policy brochure	Shafritz	12/14/1999	Eng. Brochure being finalized
709	Printing of descriptions/analyses of available qualitative research tools in he	Shafritz	12/14/1999	Eng. Completed; Fr. Xltn started.
710	Printing of HIV/AIDS Briefing Packets	Bery	3/1/2000	Ongoing
800	Assessing youth livelihood & enterprise development programs through IDR	Duale	10/12/1999	Underway
801	Laurence Codjia, CESAG, to Washington for discussions on health mgt. & e	Prysor-Jones	10/19/1999	Trip completed
802	TA to ZVITAMBO Project	Piwoz	11/10/1999	Ongoing
803	Internet access for nutriion focal points in Sierra Leone and Cote d'Ivoire	Bery	11/18/1999	Activity completed
804	Assessment of WHO/AFRO outcome/impact indicators & malaria-related ev	Duale	1/12/2000	Activity completed